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108 Street.  
Brandon, August 6th, 1891. 3 mos.

The Dominion Building  
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CAPITAL \$10,000,000.

OFFICERS,  
J. N. KIRKWOOD — President,  
W. A. MACDONALD — Solicitor,  
F. D. COOPER — Treasurer,  
F. D. COOPER — Secretary.

FRED D. COOPER,  
Secretary,  
Kosher Avenue, Brandon.

## CITY COUNCIL.

Present: Mayor Kelly, and all the Aldermen.

### MOTIONS.

Ald. Coldwell — Ald. McDiamond — That the city solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps and give the necessary notices to appropriate lots 11 and 12 in block 42, Sec. 23, for the purpose of a market under the provisions of the Municipal Act. Carried.

Ald. Coldwell — Ald. Russell — That the petition of H. Meredith and T. Lee be referred to the city solicitor. Carried.

Ald. McDiamond — Ald. Gibson — That the request of Mr. Alex. Gastone, asking for copy of contract for supply of piping for waterworks be granted. Carried.

Ald. Coldwell — Ald. McDiamond — That resolution passed last meeting of the Council directing the waterworks and sewerage debentures to be issued in denominations of \$500 each be amended by adding the words "\$1,000" each after the words "\$500." Carried.

### INQUIRIES.

Ald. Russell — How are they getting on with the city hall.

Ald. McDiamond said the woodwork was nearly completed, but the furnaces have not yet arrived.

Ald. Hanbury — re-act of W. H. Gar-  
side, was it thrown out or laid over.

Ald. Coldwell said that Mr. Gar-  
side did not expect the Council to pay it.

The account was then thrown out.

### BOARD OF WORKS.

Recommended the following accounts to be paid:—

H. G. Dixon	\$ 7.00
Smith & Shirriff	6.75
Wm. White	12.25
Paysheet	14.00
P. McKenzie	10.65
Hurley Bros.	7.25

FIRE, WATER AND LIGHT.

Recommended the payment of the following accounts:—

W. White	\$ 2.60
Smith & Burton	3.00
Robt. Houston	11.20
Parrish & Lindsay	13.55
H. Meredith & Co.	5.00
Treasurer	21.55
J. H. Bogg	5.00
Paysheet	21.10
Chas. Currie	6.00
Added to paysheet	5.25

LICENSE, POLICE AND HEALTH.

Recommended the payment of the following accounts:—

E. J. Bury	\$1.25
Chief of Police	2.75
Dickenson & Murray	5.50

Applications for license were received and granted to Holmgard and 17.

MORELY.

FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

Recommended the payment of the following accounts:—

Jas. Hamilton	\$8.400
Election expenses	11.65
W. H. Hollyar	10.00

On motion Council adjourned.

### XMAS DISPLAY.

It would be unfair to say that the merchants have this year made the grandest display that has ever been made in Brandon, but such is not the case. The display is, however, very good, and those who did go to the trouble of dressing their windows and showing their goods deserve credit for the manner in which the work was performed, among them being F. Nation & Co., whose window is certainly a credit to the firm. Mr. Nation is one of those men who keeps up with the times and is always introducing something new. The windows of A. Whitelaw, grocer, and J. A. Montgomery, grocer and confectioner, are also worthy of special mention. In the windows of A. Whitelaw's store, Cheshire, is a very good representation of a stone house with Santa Claus disappearing in the chimney. Mr. J. A. Montgomery has a very handsome display of candy in a window which is in the other the display of China ware is something grand. It would be unfair to allow our readers to imagine that these were the only windows which had been especially prepared for the holiday season. In addition to these, we might mention the names of Wm. Brown, W. Bertrand & Co., both of whom have a large display of home made candy.

The butchers have also been alive to the Christmas trade, especially Mr. Thomas Green, who has an excellent display of meat. In this line the display is much ahead to what it was last year. Messrs. Barnhill & Hovey have also a very handsome display. Before closing we would draw the attention of our readers to the statue in the windows of Smyth & Wilson, furniture dealers, also the Christmas tree in front of J. Mallik's store, which is hung with candy bags. The small boy who "snaks" a bag is badly sold when he opens it, however, to find it is full of emptiness. There are a number of other merchants taking of decoration, and probably before Xmas, the most of the windows will be fixed up in some way.

At an informal meeting of members of the Liberal Conservative Association, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Liberal Conservative Association of Winnipeg, mourn with deeper regret, of the death of our esteemed fellow-member, the Honorable Corydon P. Brown, whom we mourn as a steadfast and loyal adherent to our party, a faithful and able representative and a valued citizen; and we extend to his bereaved widow and family, our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of darkest sorrow."

### Wood and Coal.

PEOPLES of the Souris and vicinity, go to P. Waran for wood and coal.

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promptly attended to.

P. WARAN,

Aug. 27 Souris.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

The Meeting Largely Attended.

The Farmers' Institute met in the city hall on Thursday last, the 17th, for the first time since July last. The attendance was very fair, although it will be better attended when the meetings become regular.

President S. A. Bedford occupied the chair and in the absence of Secretary Leech Mr. Smith was appointed secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from J. W. Bartlett was read respecting the lecturing tour which Prof. Robertson will make of the Province. The Professor will lecture here in February. Mr. Bartlett also submitted a copy of the constitution, by-laws, &c., as recommended by the Central Farmers' Institute executive, which were referred to a committee composed of the Pres. and Sec. Treas.

Moved by Mr. Percival, seconded by Mr. Keeles, recommending the second Saturday, for 2 p.m. of every month as suitable for holding our regular meetings.

Moved by Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Leech, that the secretary be asked to interview the local papers respecting a standing advertisement of Farmers' Institute meetings.

Mr. Waugh, who was present, spoke at considerable length and threw out some very good suggestions. He advocated local help in conducting the Institute and home subjects for discussion.

Mr. Leech, Sr., gave some observations as to cropping on subtle both with and without plowing.

J. M. Percival gave notice of a motion at next meeting to ask the Government to abolish the duty on binding twine.

J. W. Bartlett gave the continuation of a previous paper on dairying, showing and proving the necessity of cleanliness in milking and caring for milk. He said cream should be kept sweet until a cheese has been collected, Salt butter 7 lbs of cheese a pound for present use and 10 lbs for making, also have butter marked with a trade mark.

Mr. Thomas, of the Farmer's Advocate, was introduced and spoke at some length.

The next meeting will be held in the same place on the second day of January at 2 p.m. when Mr. Bedford, the president, will address the meeting, taking for his subject "The results of the experiments of Dick Harrowing." Mr. R. Waugh of Winnipeg, will also speak on surface cultivation generally.

CURRS. MEETING.

A meeting of the currs. was held in the same place on Tuesday night last. The times for paying admission fees was extended one week, and those who have not yet paid up are respectfully requested to call upon the Secretary, W. H. Shillinglaw, at his office, and pay up. The skips who will take part in the Kelly Cops competition were chosen and the ricks will be chosen tonight. A match has been arranged for Christmas day between the married and single men. There will be eighteen ricks on each side and will occupy most of the day. The match will commence at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and at 7:30 in the evening. This match will, undoubtedly be interesting.

S.S. ENTERTAINMENTS.

How the Children Are to be Entertained on Xmas.

On Sabbath next the Rev. John Leech, of Moosomin will preach the anniversary sermon in the Methodist Church, and in the afternoon a praise and song mass meeting will be held.

On Monday evening the annual anniversary concert of the Sablas school will take place at which the children will be in attendance in full force.

The programme will consist of music, readings, recitations, etc.

The principal feature will be the decoration of the church for the occasion.

The Methodists have, heretofore, always had their decoration done in a handsome manner, but this year they expect to have something in that line not yet seen in this city.

A collection will be taken up at the door which will go to the funds of the Sunday school.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their entertainment in the church on Tuesday evening next. The presents and candy bags will arrive on a ship this year instead of a car a last year. A length programme is being prepared in which a number of the children will take part. The church is to be handsomely decorated for the occasion and the young folks as well as the old people may expect a good time.

The scholars of the Congregational Sunday school will have a Christmas tree in the church the same evening, when pines and presents will be distributed.

The Sunday School in connection with St. Matthew's church also hold their entertainment on Tuesday night in the Foresters hall. They will have a Christmas tree. Prizes will be distributed.

The programme will consist of music, etc., and will be under the management of Mr. Morrison.

There was a second blaze at Moose Jaw on Thursday night last, when a small storehouse on the C.P.R. tracks was destroyed. A young man named Charles Palmer, who was sleeping in the building had a close call for his life. When he woke the flames were all round him, and he had but a few moments to jump from his bed and escape. He was considerably burned about the head and neck.

A special general meeting of the share-holders of the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway company will be held in London, England, on January 21st, for the purpose of authorizing the directors to issue bonds on that portion of the road between Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan river, and for other business.

THE Y. M. C. A.

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According to custom the Y. M. C. A. will hold a reception on New Year's day.

This year, however, it will be far in advance of previous years. Committees have been appointed and the work has been put into good hands. The decoration committee, especially, having orders to spare no pains in the decoration of the rooms.

The reception will commence at 10 o'clock and continue until 6 o'clock in the evening.

The ladies of the W.C.T.U. and the Y.W.C.T.U. have kindly taken

upon themselves the responsibility of providing cake and coffee for the visitors.

The "Y" have also arranged for some

of their members to be present all day to

minister to the wants of the visitors.

There will also be an informal musical

programme carried on during the day.

A heavy invitation is extended to all to

drop in during the day and spend a pleasant time.

BAPTIST CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday evening last the Baptist church was so filled with people that a goodly number of them had to stand during the long and well rendered program through which the Sabbath School children passed.

Deacon Wilson, who is the Superintendent of the school, occupied the chair and graced his position by the business and yet easy way in which he accomplished so much in so short a time. When all the children did so remarkable well it would be unwise to particularize. Those who trained the different classes to sing and sing are worthy the highest praise.

The children's accentuation and intonation would be creditable to older scholastic institutions than our young city can afford.

We thought as we heard them declaim their various pieces that it would be very easy for these children's future teachers to rear most notable structures, upon such well-laid foundations.

We hope we are not stopping far

beyond the bounds of propriety when we mention the name of Miss Foster,

who sang a solo in such a style as to rivet the attention of both old and young, during its rendition. Her voice is not only full, but naturally mellifluous, and with a little training would not only fill, but charm any house.

The children seemed very happy as Old Santa Claus dealt out his various gifts, and the cash proceeds must have been quite satisfactory to those who managed the entertainment.

ACADEMY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The last meeting of this society in the old year was held Dec. 18th, and was much enjoyed by a large audience.

The programme consisted of entertaining and instructive exercises and was given in a manner which illustrated the ability of the members of the society to acquire themselves creditably before an audience.

At the close of the filled programme, Mr. McGuire, of the Central school was called upon for a speech, and answering the words of warm appreciation and commendation of the work which is being done in all departments of the Academy. This, coming from one prominent in educational work, speaks highly for Prof. McNamee, as also the event that followed Mr. McGuire's speech, namely, the presenting to him by his pupils, of an address and a purse containing a considerable amount of gold.

The Professor replied in a manner which showed his appreciation of the feelings expressed.

The meeting closed by singing "God save the Queen." Already

there are 70 names on the roll in the different classes of the Academy, and the prospects are bright for a large increase in January.

HAMILTON PROVIDENT AND LOAN SOCIETY.

We have much pleasure in learning

that this large and wealthy institution

has opened a branch office here, having

their head office in Brandon for Manitoba.

The Hamilton Provident was organized in 1871. The General Manager, Mr. H. D. Cameron, assisted in the organization of the Society, and has successfully managed the institution since its inception.

On Tuesday, he arrived here accompanied by Mr. A. F. Sutherland, the manager and general agent for Manitoba.

The Directorate is composed of George G. Gillespie, President, a man of wide

experience in financial circles. J. Wood, Vice President, the head of the extensive hardware firm of Wood, Valentine & Co., W. H. Glasse, one of the best known firms of Canada. Charles Gurney, the head of E. Gurney Manufacturing Co., Alexander Turner, head of the well-known firm of James Turner & Co., T. H. McPherson, head of the celebrated wholesale grocery firm of McPherson, Glasse & Co., S. E. Edwards Irving, Q. C. & W. R. McDonald, celebrated lawyers. The solicitors for Manitoba are Messrs. Sifton & Phillip. Titles will be examined here. All money paid out and all payments on account of the mortgages will be made at Brandon.

Western Manitoba is to be congratulated on having secured an institution

which will keep the business in their own

district instead of allowing their wealth to be sent eastward as has been done heretofore.

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Loans through with the greatest despatch.

Loans through with the same time regard to the

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#### NEW SARUM NOTES.

Dear Sirs:—I have used six bottles of R.R.M. I took it for liver complaints. Before I took it I had headache and felt all the time, but now I am healthy and entirely well. In addition I have a good appetite, which I did not have previously.

LITTLE POUND, New Sarum, Ont.

#### FOR PAIN OR COOLNESS.

GENTLEMEN:—I often catch a cold and get no relief. I then tried Sarsaparilla, which gave me instant relief. It is the best thing I ever used for all kinds of pain or cold.

Mrs. JOHN CORBETT, Sr., Marys, Ont.

#### General News.

The Saskatchewan has the following to say of the R. & L. railway:—On Monday morning a large gang of men commenced laying the Gaschen extension of the R. & L. L. R. R. The work they were moving it would not take long to complete the work.

The "gripe" is unusually prevalent in the Upper Ottawa shanties at present, and seems to be spreading from camp to camp. In one shanty on the Kippawa no less than forty men are prostrated with the disease at present.

The Commercial stated last week that a company to manufacture binding twine, was being formed in Winnipeg. Progress has since been made in the matter. The company is to be known as "The Manitoba Twine and Cordage Company," with a capital of \$150,000 in 15,000 shares of \$10 each. The provincial directors of the company are: Duncan McArthur, president; James Haggart, vice-president and managing director; Oliver G. Miller, of Dugald, Man.; Conant's director, Daniel Smith, Thomas Smith, Springfield; secretary, Albert Vass; offices, Dundas block, 598 Main street, Winnipeg.

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DEAR SIRS.—I have been troubled with Lumbago for about 6 months and thought I would try Haggard's Yellow Oil, which cured me. Am now free from all pains, and command Yellow Oil very highly.

FRANK PALMER, Winona, Ont.

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Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cure certain, eczema, etc., all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., feverish skin, etc., with it. It is a strong, active, and curative power is possessed by no other Ointment. Ask your druggist for Swayne's remedy.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

DEAR SIR:—This to Dr. G. H. Haggard, of Winona, Ont., for 10 years, combined with a bad cough, and that his lungs also were largely affected, so that he could not rest or work. I then got Haggard's Yellow Pill, which has cured him, with the result that after taking six or eight bottles it has entirely cured his cough, and done a great deal of good to his lungs.

MRS. M. M. COUCH, Aspby, Ont.

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MADE BY SWAYNE'S EVERYTHING.  
CONSUMPTION.

#### HARTNEY.

The skating rink erected by Mr. Farewell, will be in operation in a few days; this rink will be a great boon to the young people, and no doubt will be well patronized. Good boy, Walt, go ahead.

The horses of this district must be too well fed since it takes two parties to tie up one that is loose. How's that, D. and D.?

The steam pump factory under the able management of Mr. H. C. Pierce is working late and early. This firm manufactures a first class article, and one unique in its construction. A crusher is also run by the firm, which is a great convenience to the farmers. We understand Mr. Pierce has orders for over 300 pumps before next February.

The enterprising firm of Galbraith & Wright, lively men of this town, have just finished the addition to their stable. Besides running a lively business, they do contracting and draying in the town, and run also a tri-weekly stage to Deloraine, which leaves Hartney Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, on arrival of Brandon train, returning the next day in time to catch the east-bound train.

A ball given by the bachelors of the town was held last Friday evening. The music was of an unusually high order.

We have an abundance of butchers, there being four at the present time.

The threshers are busy now and are in great demand, not more than one-half of the stooks being yet threshed.

A large number of our neighbors are leaving by the Canadian Pacific Railway in keeping with the season, and report good business.

The elevator men are very busy, the wheat market being brisk. Wheat is fetching 68 for No. 1, and 55 cents for No. 2.

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V. S.

A Port Arthur item says:—The street railway funds are running short, with the road incomplete. Mayor Rutan proposes to increase the interest on the \$65,000 bonds, expecting to raise \$10,000 or \$15,000 additional from this source, and to even things up as it were. The legislature is to be asked to increase the territorial limits of this town by taking in some of the municipality of Shanty, as well as part of Fort William. There will be a vigorous kick made.

#### Who Can Dispute It.

Barry's Corners, N.S., Feb. 15, 1890. W. H. Cromstock, Brockville, Ont.

Dear Sir:—Your Dr. Mose's Indian Root Pills are the best selling pill in the market. This is a fact. I speak with knowledge on the subject, as I have been dealing in various kinds of Pills, and sell more of Mose's than any other.

If any one does not believe this, I ask him to write any of my customers about it, or better still, I ask him to try a box and see if he will then use any other. I hope I may always have them. Yours gratefully,

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#### GOOD ADVICE.

DEAR SIR:—I have been troubled with a toothache for over 40 years and had it so bad about once a week that I was sometimes not expected to live. I was advised to use B. H. C. and have used it for 10 years. It has given me great relief for four or five months, and feel that if I continue using it I will be entirely cured. Therefore I recommend it highly.

W. M. PEPPERSON, Editor Reporter, Techi, Ont.

#### EDITORIAL EVIDENCE.

DEAR SIR:—Your Harvard Yellow Oil is worth its weight in gold for skin, internal and external use. I used the latest Grapeseed oil, which we found it is a most excellent preventive, and for sprained limbs, etc., there is nothing to equal it.

W. M. PEPPERSON, Editor Reporter, Techi, Ont.

#### IT SELDOM FAILS.

DEAR SIR:—I took two bottles of Haggard's Pectoral Balsam, and it cured me of hoarseness and tightness of the chest after other things had failed. I am now in full health. It is worth spending for weakness and headache.

SAMUEL MADDOCK, Meadville, Ont.

#### EVERY DAY

Fresh arrivals of Fancy Goods of every description, including Japanese Goods, Plush Goods Books, Albums, Toilet Sets, Books, Music, Musical Instruments, Toys, Dolls (all sizes), in fact everything you could think of and will be sold at wonderfully low prices during the present month at the

#### MAIL BOOKSTORE.

Tenders for a Permit to cut timber on Dominion Lands in the Province of

Manitoba.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tenders for a permit to cut timber to be opened on the 25th day of December, 1891," will be received at this Department until noon on Monday, Dec. 23, 1891, for a permit to cut timber for one year on "Section 11, Township 21, Range 21, West of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meridian, in the said Province."

The regulations under which a permit will be issued may be obtained at this Department, or at the office of the Crown Timber Agent at Winnipeg.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in favor of the undersigned, or of the Minister, for the amount of the bonds which the tenderer is prepared to pay for the permit.

No tender by telegraph will be accepted.

JOHN E. HALLS, Secretary

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1891.

#### SYRUP OF FIGS

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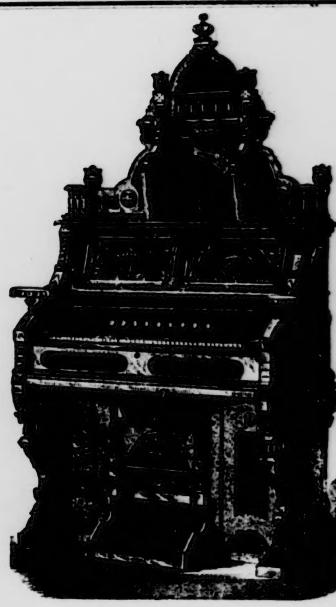
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Fleming Block, Brandon, Man.



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## BRANDON MAIL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1891

### PURITY AGAIN.

As ever before the Grit party of Canada, or as they are pleased to call themselves "the Liberal party" are still a hydra-headed monster. Premier Mowat has written a long open letter to the Hon. Alexander McKenzie defining his views on the political situation in which he defends unrestricted reciprocity but has the strongest objections to Political Union. The curious feature of all this is that in previous utterances other Grit leaders have declared political union would be the undoubted result of unrestricted reciprocity. The wonder is that so many sensible men who are sensible in other matters continue adherents to that party, when they see the incongruity of the whole mass—that on questions of public policy no two of the leaders agree.

In that open letter Mr. Mowat admits that Mr. Blake in his letter of March last acknowledged political union would be the result of Unrestricted Reciprocity, but he finds fault with that gentleman's conclusions, and so it is along the line the whole party is a mass of faultfinders without a suggestion as a body as to improvement on the present policy. It is true Mr. Mowat suggests economy and more purity in the administration of public affairs but when are we to get them? There is his colleague Premier Mercier, of Quebec, a man who would doubtless be a Cabinet Minister at Ottawa, if the Grits were again returned to power, kicked out of office in his own province by the Lieutenant Governor, on the report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate his conduct for appropriating \$100,000 of public funds voted by the Federal Government, for his own personal purposes and those of his friends. Yes, the Grits have purity galore if the Grit party of Canada were again returned to office.

### THE SCHOOL BILL AND ITS DEFEAT.

The Greenway apologist at Winnipeg is in a desperate stew over the confusion into which the finances of the City of Winnipeg are thrown, over the government's School Bill; and if it was not for the wilful and wholesale falsehoods of the print concerning the attitude of the opposition in the House and in the country on the question of Separate Schools, we could afford to allow the print to enjoy its contortions in silence. Now, it must be distinctly understood once for all the Conservatives in the province and the opposition in the House are not advocates of Separate Schools; their opposition is not opposition to the desirability of abolishing them, but it is to the curse the government has taken which can only end in the discomfiture of the parents of the bill and an unnecessary bill of costs on the people. Let the Tribune, the government and its friends one and all and once for all, understand this. When the measure was before the House, the opposition moved in amendment that the Privy Council of England be memorialized to so enlarge the constitution that the province would have the right to pass proper legislation on the question. Had this course been taken the province would ere this have known its status on the educational question. And it is to this position it will yet have to come if the question is to be disposed of as the people of the province desire it to be. Of course a petition to amend the Constitution would have to go through the Federal Government and whether or not, they would be disposed to promote it, is not a question for discussion here; but if they did advance it one of three replies would be the information from the Privy Council. They would either say you have the power to ask for; you have not got it but may get it; or you have not got it and cannot get it. If the first answer was received, then the government could go on with similar legislation to that which they have already passed without fear of a contest in the courts. If the last reply was received they would know provincial legislation was useless as any they might pass would be upset in the Courts; and if the second reply was received they would know legislation could be had without much expense to the people. They took their own way, however, to secure celebrity for themselves, and now they find themselves in confusion confounded and the province with many thousands of costs to pay for their amusement. This is just how the matter stands and no amount of lying by the government or its paid apologists can change the circumstances iota. Let the people bear this fully in mind.

### MENTEITH.

Mr. D. R. Taylor, grain buyer, was in Brandon on Sunday.

Miss Mary Winter left for Ontario on Tuesday.

The new elevator is nearing completion and it is expected that operations will be commenced by the end of the week.

Threshing is still going on in this locality, and if the weather is favorable will continue for some time to come.

### LOCAL NEWS.

The last issue of the Toronto Presbyterian Review comes to hand in an enlarged form.

Enough snow fell the other day to make good sleighing for the small boy, but not sufficient for the farmer.

Many of the benevolent are now wishing they were "single again" if it were only in order to participate in the curling match on Christmas day and be on the winning side.

Chisholm, of Winnipeg, was taken out to Stony Mountain yesterday. The high court delivered the same judgments as were at first delivered. He gets five years and the lashes. The judgment in the Bryce case was confirmed and he also receives the lashes.

The sermon in the Congregational Church on Sunday evening last especially to young men was not as largely attended as it should have been. The subject— "Fast Life," was handled by the speaker Mr. Mason in a masterly manner and his discourse was very instructive.

The enterainment in St. Joseph's Church on Monday and Tuesday nights were largely attended. The programme on both evenings was excellent, and those who took part deserve great praise. The Mothers Superior are to be congratulated upon the manner in which their pupils perform at the piano.

The Y. W. C. T. U. concert in McDiarmid's hall, on New Years night promises to be something more than an ordinary treat. The young ladies of the society are doing all in their power, to make it a success, and the management in such good hands the citizens may expect a treat. The best local talent in the city will take part in the programme.

We received from a valued correspondent the programme of a concert held at Aikenside on the 16th in aid of the Church but by some means it has been mislaid. We can then, only say it was a lengthy one of home talent, and was very much appreciated by the large audience present on the occasion.

It is the general impression the City School Board acted rather shabbily with the local firm, Wilson & Smith in the control for seating the new Central school. We understand there were but some \$50, on a contract involving some thousands of dollars, above an outside firm, and with superior supplies to offer. The principle of tendering is, of course, the proper one, but when there is but such a trifling difference as this, and we are informed the local firm in this case were willing to even wipe this out, the preference should be given to local men. It works best all around and is always in harmony with justice and fair play to the local tax-payer.

### CURLING.

The Hand-Book for Manitoba Has Been Published.

The third Annual of the Manitoba branch, Royal Caledonian Curling club, has just been issued, and will prove an interesting volume to members of the curling fraternity. It has been compiled with considerable labor by the indefatigable secretary of the branch, who has evidently spared no pains to make it a useful handbook for curlers. There is a splendid litho-photograph engraving as a frontispiece, of George F. Galt, the president of the branch for the current year.

The volume has over 150 pages of matter, is neatly printed, and has a very attractive cover. Lists of the office bearers of the Royal club and those of the Manitoba branch appear in the opening pages. The constitution, rules of the game, and diagrams of a curling rink and the game of points, take up the first seven chapters of the work. A summary of the proceedings of the annual and special meetings of the branch follows, and will repay perusal by members in affiliation with the association.

A very elaborate report of the matches in the several districts is next recorded from the reports of the umpires, including that for the Royal Caledonian district medal for 1891. This is followed by a record of the events and results of the third annual bonspiel. A new feature of the latter is a description of the Bagnall-Wylie system of drawing, together with the diagrams illustrative of the system that is now in vogue in curling circles.

After the bonspiel follows a list of the clubs now in affiliation with the Manitoba branch of the R. C. C. C.

There are in all 26 clubs now in the association with a membership of 1,200 active curlers, extending from Port Arthur to Edmonton at the head of Lake Superior to Edmonton in the far Northwest—Dr. Gilbert, of Carberry; L. Clarke, of Prince Albert, and the late Col. Bedford.

Particular attention is also directed to the programme of the fourth annual bonspiel, which open in Winnipeg on the 9th day of February next.

### BRANDON VS. PORTAGE.

Three rinks from the Portage arrived in the city on Thursday's delayed express, and went at once to the rink, where they defeated the home rinks. The game was not completed until early morning, and the visitors returned home on Friday morning. The following shows the scores and skips:

BRANDON. PORTAGE.  
A. E. Sparling..... 12 Ed. Sparling..... 13  
D. H. Cooper..... 8 W. H. Sparling..... 21  
F. B. Tornance..... 16 W. J. Cooper..... 13

### THE TORONTO BONSPIEL.

Secretary Robertson, of the Manitoba branch, has received a circular accompanied by a personal letter from Mr. J.

S. Russell, secretary of the Ontario branch, announcing the date of the international match between curlers of the United States and Canada for Thursday, January 7th, 1892, subject to being postponed from week to week should weather be unsuitable. The match is to be played in Toronto, and a cordial invitation is extended to the Manitoba curlers to send rinks to assist the Canadians in winning the trophy for the Dominion. It is requested that any club in Manitoba desiring to send rinks to Toronto, advise Mr. Russell before the 26th Dec., if possible. Further particulars can be obtained from the secretary of the Manitoba branch. Each Canadian rink entering the bonspiel is taxed one dollar.

### BANQUET TO MR. DEWDNEY

Quite a Number of Speeches—Mr. Dewdney.

Regina, Dec. 19.—The dinner last night given by the members of the Assembly to Hon. Mr. Dewdney, though essentially of an official character, was very successful. Some sixty guests sat down to a cold dinner in the large Lansdowne dining room. Mr. Neff, M.L.A., occupied the chair; on his right sat the guest of the evening; on the left Governor Royal. Twenty-three M. L. A.'s were present, about a dozen citizens of Moosemin and Whitewood, and some fifteen Reggians, mainly government officials. Among the visitors were Senators Loughead and Perley, T. M. Daly, M.P., and ex-speaker Wilson, Mr. Cayley, M.L.A., filled the vice-chair. Dewdney's praises were sung by the chairman and several of the speakers. Speeches were made by the minister, Governor Royal, the chairman and vice-Senators Perley and Loughead, Daly, M.P., Haultain and Ross, M.L.A. and the affair broke up about 3 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney made a good address, dealing with Northwest matters and the trade policy of the government and he dwelt upon the unmistakable evidence of prosperity visible everywhere from Port Arthur westward.

Senators Loughead and Perley spoke with the confidence of intimate knowledge and of the value of the hon. minister's services in the country, and their marks were loudly applauded.

### MARRIED.

HIGHBROOK SPROUT. At Markdale, on Monday, Nov. 30, 1891, to their beloved Dr. Sprout, M. D., by the Rev. W. T. George, a Highbrook native, of the city of Brandon, Man., to Ida Mary, only daughter of R. J. Sprout, postmaster. Fleischer ton, No. 94.

### LOST \$50 CHEQUE!

WARDED by the Citizens of Brandon to A. THOS. GREEN, butcher and porker, for the best display of meats at Christmas. Payable on the Bank of B. N. America.

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## Ho! For Merry X'mas!

### The Great Fur and Clothing House of Brandon AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

## CASH SPEAKS!

We have just purchased and placed into stock \$3,000.00 worth of Furs, the balance of a manufacturer's stock, bought at a great discount for CASH, consisting of

### Ladies' Furs.

Ladies' Persian Lamb, Astrachan, Coon and Bokara Mantles. Ladies' Fur lined Circulars. Ladies' Muffs. Ladies' Capes. Ladies' Collarettes. Ladies' Gauntlet Mitts in Seal, Beaver, Grey Lamb and Astrachan.

### Men's and Boys' Furs.

Men's Coon, Australian Bear, Manitoba Dog, Manitoba Wolf, Manitoba Buffalo, Corsican Lamb and Bokara Coats, Boys' Corsican Lamb and Australian Bear Coats.

### ROBES.

Robes in Bear, Goat and Manitoba Wolf. This Stock will be closed out speedily as the prices are less than the cost to manufacturers.

### CAPS.

A large lot of Caps in Beaver, Seal, Otter, Persian Lamb and Astrachan (Men's and Ladies') The assortment certainly the greatest in the city.

Repairing in Furs done Neatly & Promptly by an experienced Furrier.

### SUITS.



### Men's

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Spring and Fall Overcoats, odd Pants, Pea Jackets, Leather Coats and all Furnishings.

Ten per cent. off until February 1st, 1892.

A large consignment of Silk Handkerchiefs (initials worked in silk), also Novelties in Ties, Braces, etc., for the X'mas trade. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you all the compliments of the season.

Yours for Bargains,

### JOHN T. SOMERVILLE.

N. B.—We have a beautiful Chromo to give you, Call and get one.

The Christmas number of the London, Ont. Free Press to hand is worthy of praise. The edition is got up in a plain, but not neatly printed. It gives a write-up of London which goes back as far back as the year 1826, and for the time London received its share.

Speaking of the Festival of St. John, the Grand Master will pay an annual visit to the Brandon Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M. On Sunday, Dec. 15, the brethren will meet in the Lodge room at 10:15 a. m., to attend the services in St. Matthews church, services to be conducted by Canon Morris P. G. M., G. R. M., Subject: "Relation of Masonry to Religion." On Monday's lecture will be given by Canon Morris in the Masonic Hall, at 8 p. m., subject: "Relation of Masonry to the Craft and Life." Brethren of the craft invited to attend.

A large number of people have taken advantage of the excursions by the C. P. R. to spend their Christmas and New Years with their friends in the West. The Forney cars, which are arranged in an entire section of the train, are comfortable as first-class sleeping cars. The tourist car service on Wednesday evening, carrying passengers from Toronto and Montreal without charge, and providing all necessary accommodations for the comfort of the passenger, is giving great satisfaction.

#### VAN HORNE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

#### RE CALGARY and EDMONTON

**Negotiations Fallen Through, but the C.P.R. Will Operate the Line.**

Montreal, Dec. 15. — Announcement was made by Mr. Van Horne at an adjourned meeting of the shareholders, that the Canadian Pacific is not, at last for some time, to take over the Calgary & Edmonton railway. The shareholders were informed at the annual meeting in January that negotiations were in progress for taking over the railway and the directors were empowered to proceed with the negotiations and report to the shareholders. The meeting was duly formal. Mr. Van Horne said: "The directors have decided not to proceed any further with negotiations. The bonds are scattered that it is almost impossible to get any agreement to the terms which the Canadian Pacific propose, so negotiations are at an end. Our reports from our financial advisers in England, and our own advisers are to the effect that nothing can be done, at least till the present contract with the Calgary & Edmonton has expired, which will be in some five or six years from now. In the meantime we are operating the road without formal.

#### Woodworth Municipality.

Each, Dec. 21. — Mr. Geo. Leith has just finished one of the largest and best stone stables in the settlement. Mr. John Anderson, just out from Banffshire, Scotland, was the builder.

Mr. Geo. Robb, our general blacksmith, has purchased the section adjoining Mr. Thomas Brown.

Mr. Hugh Stevens is progressing a new threshing outfit, and is now prepared to accommodate his neighbors who were unable to secure an outfit, owing to the great amount of threshing to be done this season.

The Methodist Sunday school purpose holding a Christmas tree on Christmas day, coming near at 4 o'clock. A good programme is being arranged.

#### SOUTH PACIFIC TROUBLE.

**The Freezing Out of the Union Operators May Lead to a General Strike on the Road.**

Denver, Colo., Dec. 15. — A special to Republicans from Albuquerque, N. M., states that if the situation in the strike of the telegraphers on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was changed at all to-day it assumed a more serious aspect. The switchmen and brakemen, firemen and engineers have taken up the cause of the strikers, it being reported that the company would have non-union men to fill the vacancies. Committees from each organization of the above employees notified Saginaw that they would go out if substitutes were engaged. The strikers are in conference to-night, considering a resolution from President Manvel, and the result of their deliberations will be announced to-morrow.

#### For Sea Coast Defence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15. — Senator Dolph by day introduced a bill appropriating twenty-three million dollars to provide for harbor and other sea coast defence. The bill provides for the establishment of fortifications and works at New York, San Francisco, Boston and harbors, Hampton roads, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Portland, Maine, Rhode Island, ports in Narragansett bay, Key West, Charleston S. C., Mobile, New London, Savannah, Galveston, Portland, Oregon, Pensacola, Fla., Wilmington, N. C., San Diego, Cal., Portsmouth, N. H., defences of Cumberland sound at Fort Clinch, defences of ports on the Kennebec river at Fort Popham, New Bedford, Mass., defences of ports on the Penobscot river, Maine, at Fort Knox and New Haven, Conn.

#### INTERESTING RAILWAY FIGHT.

The Great Northern trying to prevent a street railway crossing its tracks.

Turin, Dec. 15. — While in the confessional hearing the confessions of penitents Canon Marchette, of Turin, had a terrible experience. A man in priestly garb entered the box, and, without warning, smashed down the partition and slashed the priest with a razor in a terrible manner. The worthy canon may die from his injuries.

#### CONTROL THE MINES.

A Belgian Bank Will Operate the Atikoka Iron Range Deposits.

Port Arthur, Dec. 15. — The Belgian bank known as the Society General to-day controls the Atikoka iron range. The last contract was signed this morning, and General Von Brugges and Messrs. Wiley and Russell left together to-day for the east. The contract between the bank, which had the Belgian bank, and the bank shall have until November, 1892, to test the deposits. The railway is to be built within next year, and when so built the owners need the bank's interest in the mines, and the bank agrees to mine and pay a royalty of one-half a minimum output of three hundred thousand tons per annum guaranteed. The land under contract covers 100,000 acres, and the railway to be built on the range, including a branch of one-eighth to all the mines on the Marquette range. Blast furnaces and rolling mill are, under the contract, to be erected at Port Arthur.

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**Cream Baking Powder.**

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#### SITUATION WANTED.

BY A young man in Printing Office, has two years experience. Apply to W. H. MAIL OFFICE, Brandon.

#### WANTED.

A BUSINESS MANAGER who can canvass, collect, report and keep books for the Brandon MAIL newspaper. Apply to C. A. SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer, Brandon.

#### SITUATION WANTED.

BY man and wife on a farm, have been accustomed to dairying, etc., would take charge of a farm or a position of trust. Apply at the MAIL OFFICE.

#### NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing a note of \$25.00, made by me in favor of James Kidd, as no value has been given for the same.

Mrs. J. THOMLINSON, Alexander.

#### NOTE LOST.

THE Subscriber lost a transcript note of \$22. made by W. H. Brown, and now cautions the public against purchasing or negotiating it, as no value has been received for the same.

PETE IRONSTONE.

#### PONY LOST.

A BAY PONY, 3 years old, 3 white feet, strip on face. The finder will please send word to R. GAUCHER, 9th St., Brandon.

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#### LAUNDROMAN.

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Nov. 19th.

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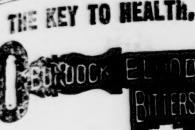
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### The Farmers Organizing.

An organization, known as the Patrons of Industry, is attracting considerable attention in Ontario at present. Something has also been heard of this order in Manitoba. It is an order formed for the purpose of organization among farmers, with the object of enabling them to buy cheaper. It is probably something after the order known as Grange, which spread rapidly among the farmers of eastern Canada some fifteen years ago, but which soon collapsed. The Patrons of Industry will no doubt follow in the same way. Waves of the same are sure to spread over the country at irregular intervals, and the more rapidly the movements spread the sooner dissolution may be looked for.

We are not acquainted very fully with the aims and objects of this new order, and would not attempt to condemn it unheard. In fact there may be many excellent points about the organization. Orders and associations are the rule now days, and the farmers have as good right as other people to establish one or a dozen orders, of a fraternal or commercial nature, so long as in so doing they do not infringe upon the rights of others. Indeed, an organization among the farmers, properly directed and supported, should accomplish a great deal in the interests of its members. The meeting together of persons engaged in the same pursuits of life, to discuss matters affecting the trade, industry of calling, should be beneficial to all concerned. Farmers, like other people have a right to buy in the cheapest market, and sell in the dearest ones they can find. The farmers therefore have a right to discuss commercial matters affecting their interests, in their meetings together, as we do to consider purely agricultural questions. In fact, no one would have any right to complain, if they even undertook to discuss political or semi-political matter, such as instance as protection, and its interference with their right to buy and sell in the cheapest markets.

One word, however, may be said in connection with the discussion of commercial questions, in an organization or meeting of farmers. Past experience has shown that they are almost certain to jump at extremely false conclusions, and a policy of line of action is resolved upon as a result of misconception or ignorance of the real facts, which sooner or later must result in discomfiture. This has invariably been the rule, in any efforts which the farmers have made in the fact to regulate commercial matters. They start out with the belief that they are being made the victims of other business interests, and this belief leadeth them into the conclusion of extravagant errors. Take for instance the remarkable opinions which prevail among the farmers concerning the grain trade; yet it would be the extreme of folly to undertake to correct some of these popular errors, and lead them to believe the true facts. Again, as to the store trade, there are many fallacies popular among the farmers.

It is in connection with the store trade

that the Patrons of Industry in Ontario have drawn considerable attention to their actions. They have undertaken in that province to regulate the profits of the country merchants. In the following way: They agree to do their trading with certain dealers, who are to sell them at a certain percentage of profit, invoices to be open for inspection, in order that Patrons can see for themselves that the percentage is not exceeded. In this connection it is reported that some Ontario merchants who have made an arrangement of this nature with the Patrons, have requested the wholesale house to make out invoices at a considerable saving over real costs of the goods. In some instances wholesalers have refused to become a party to the fraud, but no doubt most dealers would acquiesce in such a request. In another case the Patrons have undertaken to boycott an entire town, because all the merchants wisely resolved to have nothing to do with any arrangement of this nature. We have no hesitation in saying that the Patrons are on the wrong track in this attempt to regulate the profits of retail dealers, neither do we see anything to command, and everything to condemn in the action of a dealer who would become a party to such an agreement. Unholy scheming such as the raising of movie is, is the natural outcome of such an arrangement.

The efforts of the Patrons of Industry on this line will never be a success, and they would be wise if they would leave the regulations of profits to the natural laws of supply and demand, free competition, etc. On the other hand, there is a trade matter which the farmers might discuss to advantage, namely; the application of cold cash, versus credit, to the purchase of commodities. As long credit customers, the farmers of Canada are notorious. There is no country in the world, we believe, where credit is carried to such a rotten extreme, as it is among the farmers of Canada. Just why this is so, is hard to determine, for while the farmers have everything on credit, he invariably sells for cash on delivery. They say it is a poor rule which will not work both ways, and the farmer, who always sells for cash, should be able and willing to buy in the same way. Now, if the farmers would look into this question and agree to buy for cash, from dealers who sell only for cash, we think they would have little reason to complain of overcharges against them. By so doing, they would enter a genuine business on the country.

Went Down Instantly.

London, Dec. 16.—The steamer Prince Borstoff, which left Barry on Friday last loaded with 1000 lbs. for Nazaire, France, has been wrecked on the Horseshoe rocks, off Brest, and of the crew of 19, Kelt, the mate is the only survivor. The most meager particulars have been received. From them it appears that the ship struck on the rock without warning and went down almost instantly. Those of the crew who were able to make a dash for life were speedily swallowed by the waves which were very high in that vicinity. Kelt was rescued in an almost exhausted condition.

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When the following lines will be offered at **SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.** Goods offered are all seasonable and are certainly the most useful things to be had for **X'MAS PRESENTS!**

#### JACKETS.

Ladies' Wool Seal Walking Jackets,	\$37.50 for \$30.00
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They are 25, 30 and 42 in. long.	
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do	\$60.00 for \$50.00
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Bokharian and Astrachan,	\$35.00 for \$27.00
do do	\$40.00 for \$33.00
do do	\$48.00 for \$40.00
do do	\$65.00 for \$55.00

#### FUR CAPES.

Alaska Sable,	\$45.00 for \$36.00
Beaver,	\$45.00 for \$36.00
Opossum,	\$13.00 for \$11.00
Opossum,	\$17.00 for \$14.50
Wool Seal,	\$17.00 for \$14.50
Bokharian,	\$12.00 and \$13.00 for \$10.00

Muffs of all kinds, in Seal, Beaver, Persian, Sable, etc., 20 per cent. off.

#### FUR COLLARS AND CAPS.

Storm Collars, all kinds, 20 per cent. off.  
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All Ladies' and Gent's Caps, in Seal, Otter, Beaver, Persian, Grey Lamb, White Lamb; Astrachan, etc., at **ONE-FIFTH OFF.**

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Ladies' and Gent's Fur Gruntlets, in Coon, Dog, Wombat, Beaver, Seal, Persian, Wool Seal, etc., all at 20 per cent. off.

Men's Fur Coats, every kind, away down: Australian Bear, \$18.50; Dog, \$18.50; Corsican Lamb, \$14.00; Coon, \$2.00, \$5.00, and \$8.00; Persian Lamb at \$9.50.

#### Silks for Dresses.

Regular	75 for 60	Art Silks, 1.35 for 1.00
do	1.00 for 80	do 1.50 for 1.25
do	1.25 for 1.00	do 1.75 for 1.50
do	1.50 for 1.20	
do	1.75 for 1.40	
do	2.00 for 1.65	

#### Chenille Curtains

\$8.50 pair for \$7.90; \$10.00 for \$8.00; \$11.00 for \$9.00  
\$12.00 for \$10.00; \$14.00 for \$11.50.

Chenille Table Covers, all going at 20 per cent. off, and 25 per cent. off all Cloth Jackets, Ulsters, Capes, Seallettes, Mantle Cloths, Blouse Waists, Wool Scarfs and Shawls.

Men's and Boys' Clothing during this great 10 day sale all at **ONE-FIFTH OFF.**

Also hundreds of other things clearing out cheap that space WILL NOT ALLOW US TO NAME.

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Sale from Monday, Dec. 14th to

Thursday 24th December.

#### FOR CASH ONLY.

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#### LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. T. R. Todd, of Hillview was in the city on Monday.

W. B. McClellan, of Dedorane, was fined \$65 for selling liquor on Sunday.

Miss Alice Gooding, of Portage la Prairie is visiting her mother in this city over Sunday.

Mr. Thos. Smith of Oak Lake spent the fore part of the week in the city reviewing old acquaintances.

The settlers in the Humeville settlement anticipate holding a Christmas entertainment on Xmas night.

J. C. Todd has moved back to his old office again. He says he can do more business there in one day than he could do in the new place in a week.

Mr. L. L. Linton has returned from Minneapolis, Somerset, where he was purchasing wood. He reports crops good, but wood rather scarce. Yet we find they have 6 cars on the track.

While walking about the C. P. R. yard the other day, we caught sight of a large poster on the corner of one of the wheat ears, and could plainly see the name Virde on it. The scheme is certainly a good one, and shows the enterprise of the Virde people. On the bill was a short description of Virde and district.

The Electric Light Co., of the Portage furnish their light much cheaper than the Brandon Co. A case in view is the Cushing Club of the Portage who have 41, 16 power lights in their rink at a cost of \$75.00 for the season, while in the Brandon rink, 29, 16 candle power lights cost \$100 for the season.

Mr. Jas. A. Maywood, of the firm of Maywood Bros., was married in Winnipeg last week, to Miss Bennett, niece of the Dominion Immigration Agent, Bennett, of Winnipeg, and returned to the city on Wednesday night. The Maywoods join with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Maywood in wishing the happy couple the compliments of the season.

At the meeting of the Brandon Agricultural Society held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. A. Belford; Sec-Treas., Thos. Harkness; directors, L. W. Vantassel, Jno. Ensey, F. M. Tuval, J. C. Harrison, R. E. Leech, D. L. Roderick, Henry Nichol and J. Mansfield. Mr. E. Hughes was appointed auditor. Tuesday, 19th of July, 1892, was selected as the day of opening the summer fair.

General Booth's daughter, Mrs. Booth Clifton, "La Marce" who is in command of the Salvati in Army and France and Switzerland, and who is now in the United States, will pay a brief visit to Canada, and is expected in the Northwest. She is a tall, slender and very graceful girl, with a fresh English face, to which the blue bonnet of her order lends additional attractiveness. She possesses an indomitable spirit as was shown by the influence she exerted over the rousing canaille of Paris who attend her meetings.

Yesterday was the shortest day in the year.

Hon. Clifford Sifton and J. A. Smart were in Winnipeg yesterday.

Robert and Stephen Clement were in the city over Sunday.

The Salvation Army will open fire in Moosomin shortly.

Alfred Boissoan, who is attending college at Winnipeg is spending Xmas with his parents here.

Mr. Jas. Bartlett and Miss Stevens, of this city, will spend Xmas with relatives in Rapid City.

For the largest and best assort'd stock of Christmas novelties, T. F. Butcher, the practical watchmaker, jeweler, optician, Brandon—adv't.

Mr. Frank Revell, who is well-known to Brandon citizens has been appointed to the head office of the N. P. & M. in Winnipeg.

Councillor Head and the town constable both of Rapid City had aistic encounter the other day. Interference of friends prevented them fighting to a finish.

Wm. Ferguson received a car load of wine last week from Hiram Walker & Sons in bond, and over 200 cases of Scotch and Irish whiskey direct from the Old Country—adv't.

Capt. Gordon of Morden, who has been laid charge of the S.A. local corps here passed through the city Monday evening to take charge of New Westminister.

On Monday C. P. R. express there were a large number of Ontario excursionists, among whom were several young men, who, it is said, are going down on important business.

Mr. John Hodshead is prepared to teach the art of tea-making in delivering tea, wood, &c. Orders hit at J. E. V. York's corner of 5th street and Rossiter Avenue will be promptly attended to.

To the little ones—the latest word received from Mr. S. A. Clason is to the effect that he will be in Brandon on Christmas eve all right, despite the very bad sleighing.

The secretary, Mrs. Maggie Fleming, of W. C. T. U. received a letter the other day from a lady friend with a five dollar bill enclosed, which she wished to be dedicated to the funds of the society. The Secretary together with the members extend their kindest thanks to the lady friend.

Before this issue of the Mail reaches our readers most of the number will be enjoying the festivities of the season, and we join in offering our sincerest congratulations. May they one and all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, is the sincerest wish of the Mail.

A meeting of the business men of Stonewall was held a short time ago to take into consideration the forming of a joint stock company with a capital of \$300,000 and erecting a large tannery that will manufacture all the raw hides of this province into leather and prevent them from going to the eastern tanneries and coming back to the province in the shape of leather. A committee was appointed to make inquiries and get all the possible information on relating to tanning and report at a future meeting.

The report is again received that the Northern Pacific will build a branch road to connect its main line with navigable water on Kootenay river. It is said that eight boxes have already been received for the week end Kootenay (Idaho) Herald is authority for the statement that one of the largest rail-contractors on the Great Northern has stored part of his outfit at Kootenay station in the expectation of working on the branch next year.

Excursions via the Great Northern Ry to Ontario and the east, good for three months with fifteen days stop over privilege going and coming. Buy no tickets until you see Todd. He has just returned from St. Paul and has made special arrangements for speed, comfort and pleasure to passengers. This is the only line making close connections in St. Paul and give you a choice of six lines between St. Paul and Chicago. Todd's is the Union Ticket office for all lines. Pay your money and take your choice.

**A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.**  
Sirs, I have taken three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and find it a splendid medicine for constipation and poor appetite. I will can it in time and it is a great blessing and I feel a great change in my health since taking it.

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